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PRODUCTION OF BIVOLTINE RAW SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Silk Board and the Government of Karnatakahave launched a project for production of bivoltine raw silk in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) the extent to which the project has achieved its target;

(d) whether the Central Silk Board also plans to launch similar projects in collaboration with other State Governments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (e) The Central Silk Board (CSB) has been implementing a project with the technical assistanceof Japanese International Co-operation Agency (JICA) to develop and introduce hardier and productive bivoltine silkworm races and appropriate package of practices for mulberry garden and silkworm rearing technology suited to tropical conditions. This project implemented between 1991 and 1997 developed certain technologies and six bivoltine hybrids have been evolved which are authorized for commercial exploitation. The second phase is under implementation from April, 1997 for verification of technologies in appropriate areas in Karnataka on a pilot basis. During 2000-2001, Government of Karnataka extended the pilot project by launching a Thrust Programme with a target of 18 lakh brushings of the bivoltine seed. The Thrust Programme has exceeded its target by reaching 19.265 lakh brushings.

The Central Silk Board has extended the pilot phase of the JICA project to the States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu successfully.